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In re Patent Application of:
James D. Marks

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Art Unit: 2175

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AND ANSWER INTERACTIVE SYSTEM

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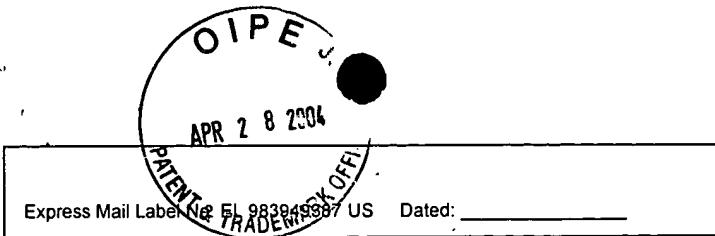
Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2004 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I: Claims 1-14 and 28-34, addressed to a method for funding a network site by receiving payments.

Group II: Claims 15-22, addressed to a method for reviewing medical treatment for an insurance program.

Group III: Claims 23-27, addressed to a method of receiving a discount on a medical cost.

Group IV: Claims 35-56, addressed to a method and system for operating a question and answer form.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004 (Paper No. 5), applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-14 and 28-34 for continued examination. In addition, applicant has amended claims 15 (from which claims 16-22

depend), 23 (from which claims 24-27 depend) and 35 (from which claims 36-40 and 51 and 52, as amended, depend) to address a method of funding one or more network sites by receiving payments. Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted that claims 15-22, 23-27, 35-40 and 51-52 be included for continued examination.

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